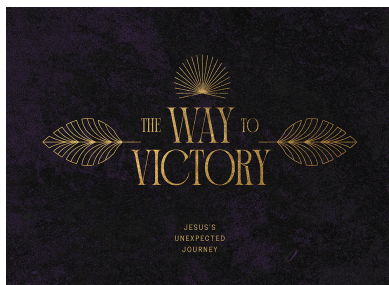


## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia Message...

#### “Hail the King!”

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor  
April 10, 2022 - Palm Sunday



Mark 14:60-64 (NLT) Then the high priest stood up before the others and asked Jesus, “Well, aren’t you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?”<sup>61</sup> But Jesus was silent and made no reply. Then the high priest asked him, **“Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”**<sup>62</sup> Jesus said, “I am. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God’s right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven.”<sup>63</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, “Why do we need other witnesses?<sup>64</sup> You have all heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?” “Guilty!” they all cried. “He deserves to die!”

John 18:35b-38 (NLT) “Your own people and their leading priests brought you to me for trial. Why? What have you done?”<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.”<sup>37</sup> Pilate said, “So you are a king?” Jesus responded, “You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true.”<sup>38</sup> “What is truth?” Pilate asked. Then he went out again to the people and told them, “He is not guilty of any crime.”

John 19:1-7 (NLT) Then Pilate had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip.<sup>2</sup> The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put a purple robe on him.<sup>3</sup> “Hail! King of the Jews!” they mocked, as they slapped him across the face.<sup>4</sup> Pilate went outside again and said to the people, “I am going to bring him out to you now, but understand clearly that I find him not guilty.”<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said, “Look, here is the man!”<sup>6</sup> When they saw him, the leading priests and Temple guards began shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” “Take him yourselves and crucify him,” Pilate said. “I find him not guilty.”<sup>7</sup> The Jewish leaders replied, “By our law he ought to die because he called himself the Son of God.”

- **Jesus is making the claim that He is God in the flesh & the one true King.**

### Who do you say Jesus is?

**We see three different types of people in this passage (John 19:1-7).**

- **“Soldiers” represent those who won’t take Jesus’ claim to be God & King seriously.**
- **“Pilates” represent those who see good in Jesus, but they refuse to worship him as God & King.**
- **“Moralists” represent those who are self-righteous and hostile to Jesus as God & King because he challenges their authority and autonomy.**

Ephesians 2:1-10 (MSG) It wasn’t so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin. You let the world, which doesn’t know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It’s a wonder God didn’t lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. **Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us.** He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on his own, with no help from us! Then he picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah.<sup>7-10</sup> Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all his idea, and all his work. **All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It’s God’s gift from start to finish!** We don’t play the major role. If we did, we’d probably go around bragging that we’d done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

- **Jesus, the one true King, was mocked & rejected by those he came to save.**

**Big Idea: Submit to Jesus Christ as your one true King by placing your full trust in Him.**

*“Had not Christ been thus rejected of men, we had been for ever rejected of God. Now was the Son of man delivered into the hands of wicked and unreasonable men. He was led forth for us, that we might escape. ... And now let us pause, and with faith look upon Jesus. Was ever sorrow like unto his sorrow? See him bleeding, see him dying, see him and love him! love him, and live to him!”*  
(Matthew Henry’s Concise Commentary)



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